

**FIBER OPTIC COMPONENT MARKING WITH FIBER OPTIC INDICIA****ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5 This invention provides a method of marking a fiber optic indicia on the surface  
of a fiber optic component and the fiber optic component produced thereby. The fiber  
optic indicia is represented as a predetermined pattern marked on the fiber optic  
component and is associated with data about at least one of an optical characteristic and a  
product characteristic. According to a preferred embodiment, the fiber optic indicia is  
marked on a chamfered surface of a ferrule. The fiber optic indicia may include at least  
10 one alphanumerical character, a symbol, or combinations thereof. The method comprises  
establishing the predetermined pattern of the fiber optic indicia, providing a fiber optic  
component for marking, preparing a predetermined portion of a surface of the fiber optic  
component for marking, and marking the predetermined portion in accordance with the  
predetermined pattern of the fiber optic indicia.